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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII) of 5 August 1954, as amended by the Council's decision of 19 December 1968, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to Member States, on 8 March 1995, informing them of the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 1995, to be held on 4 and 5 May 1995.

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in 1995 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Sustainable Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The Secretary-General, in the annex to his note verbale, indicated the pattern applicable to each of the commissions concerned.

3. With regard to the Commission for Social Development, the Council, by section IV of resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, decided that the Member States elected to the Commission should nominate to serve on the Commission candidates who hold key positions in the planning or execution of national social development policies or other persons qualified to discuss the formulation of social policies in more than one sector of development.

4. With respect to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Council, in resolution 1991/49 of 21 June 1991, decided to increase the membership of the Commission from 40 to 53 and also decided that one of the new seats should rotate between the Asian States and the Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat, which was allocated to the Latin American and Caribbean States in 1992, will be allocated to the Asian States for a full

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four-year term at the forthcoming election. In accordance with Council resolution 845 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961, the members of the Commission are elected (a) from among the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; (b) with due regard to the adequate representation of countries which are important in the field of the manufacture of narcotic drugs and of countries in which drug addiction or the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs constitutes an important problem; and (c) taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

5. At its organizational session for 1993, the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, established the Commission on Sustainable Development (Council decision 1993/207). The 53 members are elected on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution and serve for a term of three years. However, for the initial period, the Council decided that the terms of 17 of the elected members, whose names were chosen by lot, would expire after two years and the terms of 16 of the elected members, whose names were also chosen by lot, would expire after one year (see Council decision 1993/201).

6. The composition of the functional commissions is given in the annex to the present document. The number of members to be elected to each commission from each regional group is indicated.

Annex

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS IN 1995

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Botswana (1997), Ghana* (1995), Kenya (1997), Morocco* (1995), Zambia (1997)

Four members from Asian States

China* (1995), India (1996), Japan (1996), Pakistan* (1995)

Four members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic* (1995), Poland* (1995), Russian Federation (1997), Ukraine (1996)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (1997), Brazil (1996), Jamaica* (1995), Mexico (1996)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Australia (1996), France (1997), Germany (1997), Spain (1997), Sweden (1996), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1996), United States of America* (1995)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

One member from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

Commission on Population and Development

(27 members; four-year term)

Seven members from African States**

Cameroon (1996), Madagascar* (1995), Rwanda* (1995), Sudan* (1995), Tunisia (1997), United Republic of Tanzania (1996)

Five members from Asian States

Bangladesh (1996), China (1997), India (1997), Japan* (1995), Pakistan* (1995), Philippines (1996)

Three members from Eastern European States

Hungary (1996), Poland* (1995), Russian Federation (1997)

Five members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Colombia (1996), Honduras* (1995), Jamaica (1997), Mexico (1997), Nicaragua (1996)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Belgium (1996), Canada (1996), France* (1995), Germany (1996), Netherlands* (1995), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1997), United States of America (1997)

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Nine members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Two members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

** There is a vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 1997.

Commission for Social Development

(32 members; four-year term)

Eight members from African States

Benin (1998), Cameroon (1996), Côte d'Ivoire* (1995), Egypt (1998), Ethiopia (1998), Sudan* (1995), Togo (1998), Zimbabwe (1996)

Six members from Asian States

China (1996), Indonesia* (1995), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (1998), Mongolia (1998), Pakistan* (1995), Philippines (1996)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (1995), Russian Federation* (1995), Ukraine (1998), Yugoslavia (1996)

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (1998), Bolivia (1996), Chile (1996), Dominican Republic (1998), Haiti* (1995), Mexico* (1995)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Austria (1998), Denmark (1996), France* (1995), Germany* (1995), Malta (1996), Netherlands (1996), Norway (1998), United States of America* (1995)

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Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

Commission on Human Rights

(53 members; three-year term)

Fifteen members from African States

Algeria (1997), Angola (1997), Benin (1997), Cameroon (1996), Côte d'Ivoire (1996), Egypt (1997), Ethiopia (1997), Gabon (1997), Guinea-Bissau* (1995), Malawi (1996), Mauritania (1996), Mauritius* (1995), Sudan* (1995), Togo* (1995), Zimbabwe (1997)

Twelve members from Asian States

Bangladesh (1997), Bhutan (1997), China (1996), India (1997), Indonesia (1996), Japan (1996), Malaysia* (1995), Nepal (1997), Pakistan* (1995), Philippines (1997), Republic of Korea* (1995), Sri Lanka (1997)

Five members from Eastern European States

Bulgaria (1997), Hungary (1996), Poland* (1995), Romania* (1995), Russian Federation (1997)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil* (1995), Chile (1997), Colombia (1997), Cuba (1997), Dominican Republic (1997), Ecuador (1996), El Salvador (1997), Mexico* (1995), Nicaragua (1997), Peru (1996), Venezuela (1996)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Australia (1996), Austria (1996), Canada (1997), Finland* (1995), France* (1995), Germany (1996), Italy (1996), Netherlands (1997), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1997), United States of America* (1995)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term)

Thirteen members from African States

Algeria (1996), Angola (1998), Congo (1998), Guinea (1997), Guinea-Bissau (1996), Kenya (1997), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (1997), Madagascar* (1995), Namibia (1997), Sudan (1996), Togo (1998), Tunisia (1997), Zambia* (1995)

Eleven members from Asian States

China* (1995), Cyprus (1997), India (1997), Indonesia (1998), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (1997), Japan (1996), Malaysia (1997), Pakistan* (1995), Philippines (1998), Republic of Korea (1997), Thailand (1996)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (1996), Bulgaria (1998), Russian Federation (1998), Slovakia* (1995)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bahamas (1997), Chile* (1995), Colombia (1996), Costa Rica (1997), Cuba (1996), Ecuador (1997), Mexico (1998), Peru* (1995), Venezuela* (1995)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Australia (1996), Austria (1996), Belgium (1998), Finland* (1995), France (1996), Greece (1998), Portugal (1998), Spain* (1995)

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Ten members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Two members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Côte d'Ivoire (1997), Egypt* (1995), Gabon* (1995), Ghana (1997), Guinea (1997), Lesotho* (1995), Liberia (1997), Madagascar* (1995), Morocco* (1995), Nigeria* (1995), Tunisia* (1995)

Eleven members from Asian States

China (1997), India* (1995), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (1995), Japan (1997), Lebanon (1997), Pakistan* (1995), Philippines* (1995), Republic of Korea* (1995), Sri Lanka (1997), Syrian Arab Republic* (1995), Thailand* (1995)

Six members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic* (1995), Poland* (1995), Romania (1997), Russian Federation (1997), Ukraine (1997), Yugoslavia* (1995)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States (ten seats and the seat rotated between the Asian States and the Latin American and Caribbean States)

Bahamas (1997), Bolivia* (1995), Chile* (1995), Colombia (1997), Jamaica* (1995), Mexico (1997), Nicaragua* (1995), Paraguay (1997), Peru* (1995), Uruguay* (1995), Venezuela* (1995)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia (1997), Belgium (1997), Canada* (1995), Finland (1997), France* (1995), Germany* (1995), Italy* (1995), Netherlands* (1995), Norway* (1995), Spain (1997), Switzerland* (1995), Turkey* (1995), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1997), United States of America* (1995)

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Thirty-three members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Seven members from African States;

Eight members from Asian States;**

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* Retiring member.

** Seven seats and the seat rotating between the Asian States and the Latin American and Caribbean States (see para. 4 above).

Three members from Eastern European States;

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Nine members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term)

Thirteen seats for African States

Burkina Faso* (1995), Burundi (1997), Ethiopia (1997), Gabon* (1995), Ghana (1997), Guinea (1996), Malawi* (1995), Morocco (1996), Namibia* (1995), Senegal (1997), Tunisia* (1995), Uganda (1996), United Republic of Tanzania (1996)

Eleven seats for Asian States

Bangladesh (1997), China* (1995), India (1996), Indonesia* (1995), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (1997), Japan (1996), Malaysia (1996), Pakistan* (1995), Papua New Guinea (1997), Philippines (1997), Republic of Korea* (1995)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Belarus (1996), Bulgaria (1996), Hungary (1997), Poland* (1995), Russian Federation* (1995), Ukraine (1997)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda* (1995), Bahamas (1997), Barbados (1996), Bolivia* (1995), Brazil (1997), Chile* (1995), Mexico (1996), Peru (1997), Uruguay* (1995), Venezuela (1996)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States

Australia (1997), Belgium* (1995), Canada (1996), Finland (1997), France (1997), Germany* (1995), Iceland* (1995), Italy (1996), Netherlands* (1995), Spain (1997), Turkey* (1995), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1996), United States of America (1996)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

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* Retiring member.

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.